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E.O. 11652 N/A TAGS: EFIN, AR SUBJECT: ARGENTINA'S EXTERNAL DEBT

1. EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED CENTRAL BANK PUBLICATION CONTAINING STATISTICS ON ARGENTINA'S EXTERNAL DEBT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1975 AND DEBT SERVICING REQUIREMENTS. FIGURES DIFFER SLIGHTLY FROM THOSE INCLUDED IN THE YELLOW BOOK PREPARED FOR MINISTER OF ECONOMY MARTINEZ DE HOZ'S VISIT TO THE U.S. CENTRAL BANK HAS REQUESTED THAT THESE STATISTICS BE TREATED CONFIDENTIALLY AND NOT MADE PUBLIC.

2. HIGHLIGHTS ARE:

A) TOTAL CAPITAL DEBT OF \$9,149.1 MILLION, OF WHICH \$7,786.0 MILLION HAS TERM OF OVER 180 DAYS AND \$1,224.6 MILLION HAS TERM OF UNDER 180 DAYS (TERM BREAKDOWN DOES NOT ADD UP TO TOTAL). \$5,295.3 MILLION WAS DEBT OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR AND \$3,853.8 MILLION OF THE PRIVATDE SECTOR. IF UNDISBURSED LOANS AND COMMITMENTS FOR IMPORTS NOT YET SHIPPED ARE DEDUCTED, THE TOTAL CAPITAL DEBT IS REDUCED TO \$7,875.1 MILLION. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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B) TOTAL CAPITAL DEBT TO THE U.S. WAS \$2,796.2

MILLION, OF WHICH \$2,274.5 MILLION HAS TERM OF OVER

180 DAYS AND \$521.7 MILLION HAS TERM OF UNDER 180

DAYS. \$1,497.4 MILLION WAS DEBT OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR

AND \$1,298.8 MILLION WAS DEBT OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

DEBT WITH TERM OF OVER 180 DAYS HAD FOLLOWING BREAK
DOWN: \$1,903.5 MILLION FINANCIAL; \$158.0 MILLION

CAPITAL GOODS; AND \$213.0 MILLION OTHER GOODS.

C) OTHER MAJOR FOREIGN CREDITORS ARE:

WEST GERMANY -- \$979.1 MILLION

U.K. -- \$777.9 MILLION

ITALY -- \$500.5 MILLION

SWITZERLAND -- \$479.3 MILLION

JAPAN -- \$429.6 MILLION

3. EMBASSY WILL POUCH COPY OF CENTRAL BANK PUBLICATION. CHAPLIN

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